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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (அ), (இ) & (உ) The revised scales of pay have been generally implemented in the case of teachers under all managements. If specific instances where there is delay in the fixation of pay of teachers in the revised scales of pay are brought to notice the cases will be investigated and suitable action taken.

Hindi Pracharak Organizations

* 1992 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of Hindi Pracharak Organizations which are recognized by the Madras Government and the names of examinations held by each of those organizations recognized by the State Government and the Central Government;

(*b*) The Visharad Diploma of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, examinations conducted by that organization are recognized by the State Government; and

(*c*) the names of Hindi Pracharak Societies for whom grants are given by this Government and the amount of grants to each?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras and its branch at Tiruchirappalli. The recognized examinations conducted by the Sabha are Praveshika, Visharad and Praveen.

(*b*) The Visharad Diploma of the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Allahabad, has been recognized.

(*c*) Grants are paid only to the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha for schemes approved by Government, the total amount being about Rs. 45,000 per annum.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: May I know whether the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Allahabad, or its branches in our State are given any grant?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

District Board High Schools (Madurai district)

* 1993 *Q.*—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மதுரை ஜில்லா போர்டு உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளில் எத்தனையில் மாணவர்கள் உட்கார பெஞ்சுகள் கிடையாது?

(இ) அப்படியானல், காரணமென்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (அ) & (இ) Only in one school, Sirs (i.e., that opened at Vembarapatty). The Collector of Madurai is taking action in regard to the supply of furniture for the school.

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SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : தொண்ணூறு சதவிகிதத்திற்கு மேல் பரீட்சையில் தேறிய மாணவர்கள் ஜாபிதாவில் ஒன்று கூட ஜில்லா போர்டு பள்ளிக்கூடம் இல்லை. போதுமான கட்டிட வசதி, மேஜை நாற்காலிகள், ரசாயன அறைகள் இல்லாத காரணத்தினால், ஜில்லா போர்டு பள்ளிகளில் பரீட்சையில் தேறுபவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கை மிகவும் குறைந்திருக்கிறது. ஆகவே, ஜில்லா போர்டு பள்ளிக்கூடங்களுக்கு கட்டிட வசதி, மற்ற வசதிகள் அளிப்பதற்கு தனியாக நிதி ஒதுக்குவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்ய முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : நான் ஏற்கனவே சொன்னேன், ஒரே ஒரு பள்ளிக்கூடத்தில்தான் பெஞ்சு நாற்காலி இல்லை என்று. அதுவும் சமீபத்தில் ஆரம்பித்த பள்ளிக்கூடம் அது. அதற்கும் அவைகளை வாங்குவதற்கு உத்தரவு போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. பரீட்சையில் பாஸ் பண்ணாமல் இருப்பதற்கும் மேஜை, நாற்காலிக்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தம் என்று தெரியவில்லை. (சிரிப்பு.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[NOTE.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO CATERPILLAR MENACE TO GROUNDNUT AND OTHER CROPS.

9-30 a.m. SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules, I call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Home to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the inadequate steps taken to put an end to the caterpillar menace to groundnut and other crops in the State.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to make the following statement :—

Groundnut is one of the most important of the oilseeds crops grown in various districts of the State. The distinctive seasons for this crop are (1) March-April and (2) July-August. The crop grown in the former season is irrigated, while the crop grown in the latter is grown under rainfed conditions. Of these two, only the dry crop grown in red soil areas is likely to get affected by the red hairy cater pillar pest, especially after the receipt of the first showers, causing heavy loss. This pest is more or less endemic in the districts and so the occurrence of the pest can be expected during July-August to September after receipt of rains.

During 1960-61, the incidence of the red hairy caterpillar pest was noticed in the following agricultural divisions in this State :—

1. Krishnagiri.
2. Sattur.
3. Coimbatore.
4. Erode.
5. Nagercoil.
6. Guindy.